

Minutes  
Prescription Work Group  
February 21, 2007

Present: Tom Werner, Kathy Sargent, Todd Johnson, Brian Scott, Melinda Malott

**Chair Position:** Todd Johnson is not able to accept the chair position. There was discussion as to whether or not a chair has to be named. Melinda agreed to continue with minutes and correspondence to the group.

Action: Subsequent to the meeting, Katherine Murray and Tom Werner have agreed to Co-Chair the Work Group.

**Medication Resource List:** A new discount prescription program is being unveiled to Med Bank on 2/22. The public will be made aware within 1-2 weeks beyond that date. It was felt that the final version of the resource list includes the new information as well.

Action: Method of distribution of the list will go on the agenda for the next meeting

**Website:** Tom presented the information and permissions he has gained to be able to post the discount drug lists from Wal-Mart, Target, and Giant Eagle to the ICCC. None of the agencies represented agreed to host the Web site, primarily for legal reasons. FCHD cannot support one business over another and posting these lists on FCHD website could be misconstrued as an endorsement. Other means of making this information available will be explored and presented at the next meeting.

**New Members:** The group is noticeably dwindling. Todd Johnson spoke with Dave Fulton a local pharmacist who would like to join the group. Mr. Fulton was not able to join the group this time.

Action: Each member is to bring at least one new member to the next meeting.

**Next Large Full Coalition Meeting:** March 14, 4-6 pm at FMH

**Flow Chart:** Revisions were made to the previous version and presented at the meeting.

Action: Flow chart to be distributed via e-mail or at next meeting.

**Specific Prescription Issue:** There is a time-gap between when a person runs out of medication that they were given upon discharge from their healthcare provider (typically three(3) days) and the time (six to eight weeks later) when long-term prescription assistance such as Medbank, MD PAC, or Medicaid is approved and implemented.

There was discussion about the state of Maryland's mechanism (Health Services Cost Review Commission, HSCRC) that adjusts regulated rates to reimburse hospitals for their uncompensated plus charitable care(including prescription drugs). It was suggested that the FMH person responsible for managing the HSCRC reimbursement process speak to the Working Group so that we may understand this procedure. If the hospital is not obtaining sufficient reimbursement for this type care, the prescription working group could consider recommending to the full Healthcare Coalition that they assist FMH, as FMH deems appropriate, to advocate for an increase in the hospital's rates with the HSCRC.

Action: Melinda and Co-Chairs to follow up with FMH to see who that person would be, and invite that person to the next prescription group subcommittee meeting to discuss HSCRC reimbursement for discharge medications.

There was a question if other hospitals provide 3 days supply of meds on discharge. Brian Scott indicated that one of his staff is researching, in the immediate region, what number of day of supply of meds is provided once someone is discharged from inpatient or ER. Brian Scott indicated that 70% of his clients come from ER or Urgent Care.

**Next Prescription Working Group Meeting:** March 14, 3 - 4pm at FMH prior to larger coalition meeting on that day.